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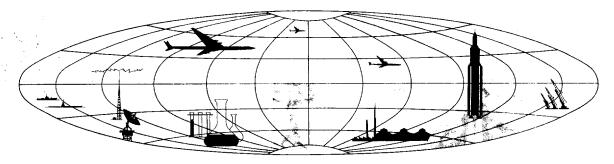


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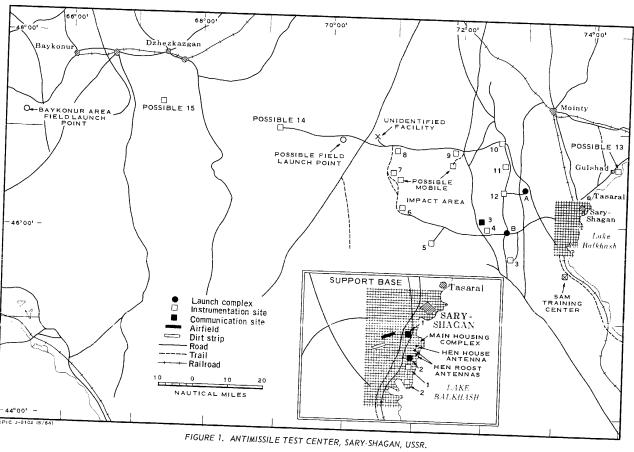
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INTRODUCTION

This report contains information on those facilities at the Sary-Shagan Antimissile Test Center (SSATC), USSR, (Figure 1), at which changes or new developments have occurred from In addition, the following four recently constructed installations are described: Possible Instrumentation Sites 14 and 15, a possible field launch point, and an unidentified facility near Instrumentation Site 8. Coordinates, included for all facilities discussed, have been taken from the center of the facility in each case, using wherever available the AMS Map Series DESPA-1.

Details of snow cover as seen on three recent missions at the facilities discussed have been tabulated in Table 1 in order to facilitate comparative usage of the information. For the same reason, a chronology of activity at the four building triad areas is also included in the report (Table 2).

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Headquarters and Administration Area

No significant change was observed in the Headquarters and Administration Area of Launch Complex A (Figure 2) from

Several additional small structures/vehicles appeared at the SAM On-Site Support Facility during this period.

Missile Storage and Checkout Area and Electronic Site D

These areas remained unchanged from

Launch Sites 1 and 2 and Electronic Site A (Figure 3)

Launch Site 1. One additional vehicle/piece of equipment was observed in both the central

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guidance area and the single hardstand from Five launch positions appear occupied, each by a single piece of equipment.

Launch Site 2. Occupancy of the central guidance area and the single hardstand appeared unchanged from Activity noted at the site by included the appearance of two small vehicles/pieces of equipment in the central guidance area, of two others just southwest of that area, and of a single piece of equipment on one of the launch positions. The object with height remains on the single hardstand.

Electronic Site Λ . Four additional vehicles/pieces of equipment appeared at this site between and at least one

additional vehicle by 25X1D

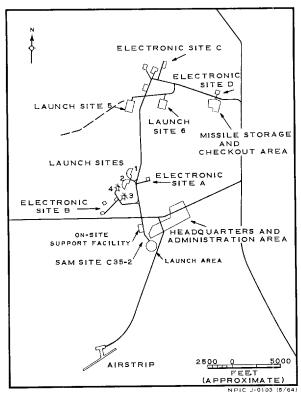
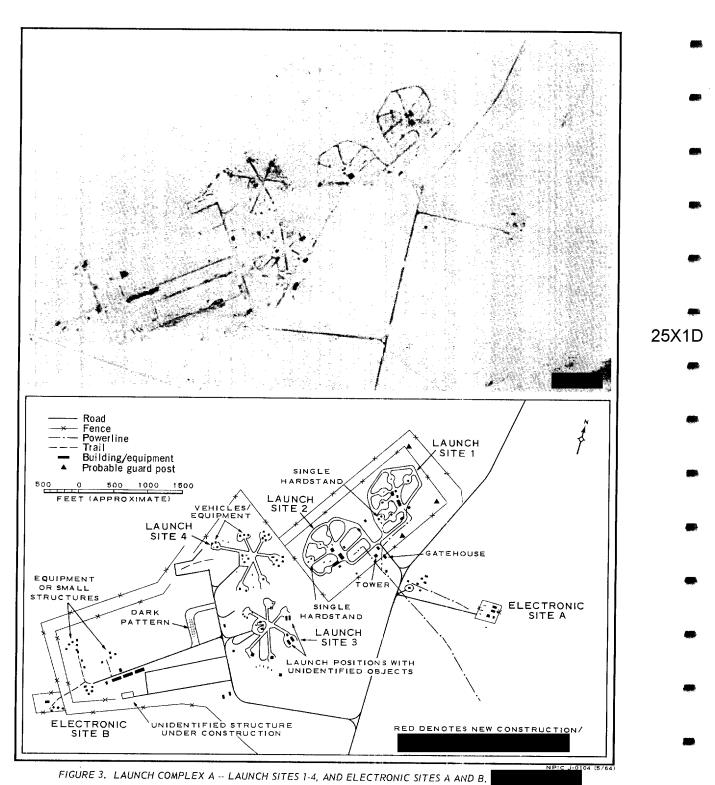


FIGURE 2. LAUNCH COMPLEX A.

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Launch Sites 3 and 4 and Electronic Site B (Figure 3)

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Launch Site 3. Site 3 was active in Several new road spurs which were not present in cernible at the site through the snow. In addition, two roads have been constructed toward Electronic Site B from a point near Site 3, one road terminating in an unidentified structure under construction, possibly a revetment. The placement of the two approximately 50- by 20foot unidentified objects on each of two launch positions remained unchanged from

has been made of the approximately 50- by 20foot unidentified objects at Launch Sites 3 and 4. These two sites, which were not present in were first observed under construction in

Utilizing all available coverage, a review

Review of Large Objects at Launch

Sites 3 and 4

During this period, certain of the small vehicles/pieces of equipment on the other four launch positions shifted position. Several vehicles/pieces of equipment remain in the central guidance area and on the terrain adjacent to the launch positions.

Launch Site 4. Site 4 was active in

rectangular road pattern, constructed since

connected with the access road to the site. In

launch positions and the central area were oc-

cupied by varying numbers of vehicles/pieces of equipment, but with only minor changes since

hicles/pieces of equipment was observed from

L-shaped road pattern.

Electronic Site B. Minor shifting of ve-

is just southwest of Site 4 and is

A new, generally

along and near the

Photography of was not sufficiently clear to 25X1D determine whether or not the objects were present at that time. The first photography distinct enough to confirm their presence was dated

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at which time two of the dark objects appeared on the outer portion of each of the six launch positions at Site 3. These objects have since appeared dark on all available photography when all but two ap-25X1D except that of peared light. The 12 objects apparently remained in the same location -- on the outer por-

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by which time eight of the objects had disappeared, leaving a pair on each the dark area of two positions. In formed by the two objects appeared wider than on other coverages. From

tion of the launch positions--from at least

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no change has been discernible in the two pairs remaining at Site 3.

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At Site 3, very small vehicles/pieces of equipment, showing considerable change in number and placement, have been observed frequently in the central guidance area, on the launch positions vacated by the large objects, on the inner portion of those positions having the large objects, on the terrain adjacent to the sites, and along the site diagonal roads.

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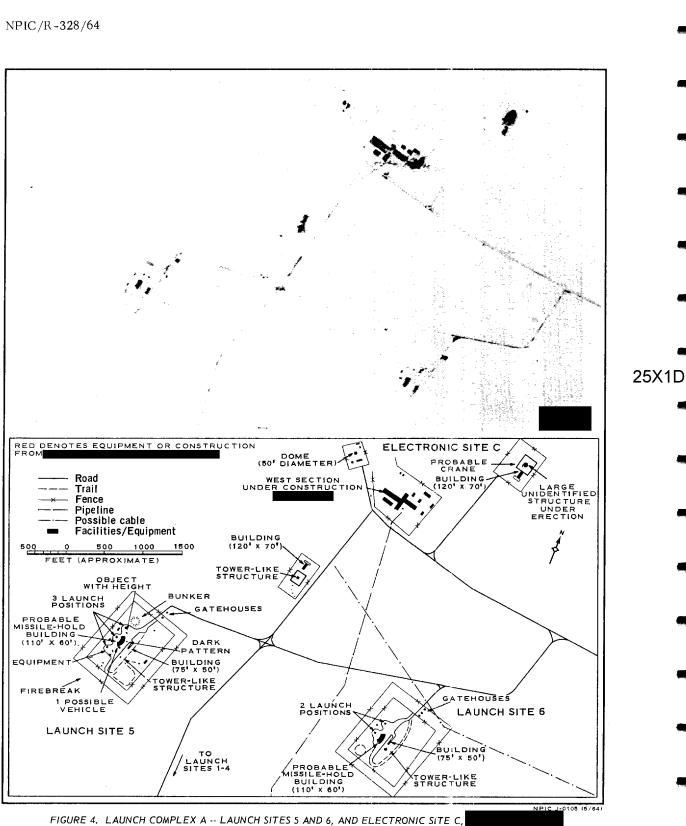
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As far as can be determined from indistinct photography, the approximately 50- by 20-foot objects have not been present at Site 4 when it was photographed. In several instances, dark areas were present at the launch positions but

A small unidentified road- and trail-served facility (not shown on graphic) is situated 2,400 feet southwest of Electronic Site B and was first identified on photography of It did and was probably not not exist in It is comprised of appresent in proximately 15 very small structures or vehicles.

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these appeared to be clusters of very small vehicles/pieces of equipment rather than the large objects under discussion.

Launch Sites 5 and 6 and Electronic Site C (Figure 4)

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Launch Sites 5 and 6. As far as is discernible through deep snow, facilities at the two sites remained unchanged from

A number of vehicles/pieces of equipment are present at both sites, including one possible vehicle back of the curved building at Site 5.

Electronic Site C. On photography, the tower-like structure at the northern extremity of Electronic Site C appeared to have been covered with an environmental shelter, probably dome shaped. More distinct photography of revealed a large tall structure protruding from what appeared to be scaffolding that was possibly used in the erection of the structure. A probable crane is observed adjacent to the southwest of the structure and is probably the same piece of equipment noted at this site continuously since No significant change is discernible in the large central facility from

It is not possible to determine roof details on the new extension to the modified L-shaped building; however, it would appear that a parapet extends around the roof and divides it into two sections.

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LAUNCH COMPLEX B (45-59-1 N 72-31-1 E)

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Support Area

No significant change was observed in the Support Area of Launch Complex B (Figure 5) from

Launch Area and Building Triad*

Facility A. This facility was completely snow covered on photography, permitting identification only.

Facility B. In addition to the dark object normally positioned in the center of pads B-1 and B-2, and several very small objects nearby, photography of shows a second dark pattern or area on pad B-1 and several additional dark patterns on pad B-2. The dark area on pad B-1 might be caused by shadows cast by the rim of the facility or by snow blown from the rim. Nonstereo coverage limits details on this facility.

HEN ROOST ANTENNAS

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(Figure 6)

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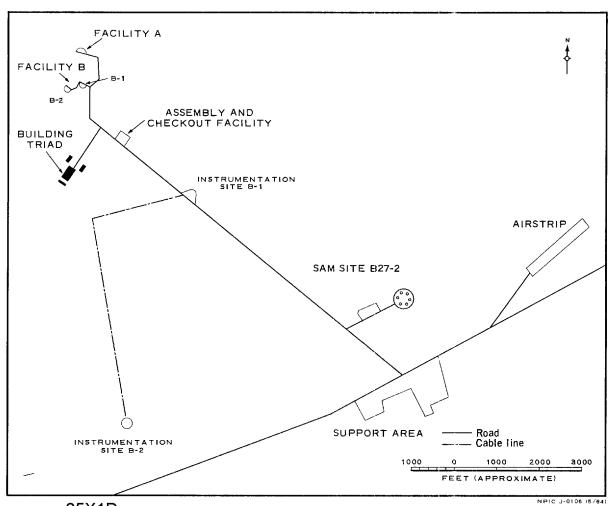
HEN ROOST Antenna North

(45-56-N 73-38-E)

Exterior construction appears complete on the approximately 160-foot building parallel to and just east of the control building, first observed under construction in Configuration details are not possible; however, it appears to be a single building and not two separate buildings. No other significant change is observed in the site facilities which are discernible through heavy snow. Relatively extensive ground discoloration at this site would appear to indicate a greater degree of activity here than at HEN ROOST Antenna South.

^{*}Construction development or changes occurring at the building triad sites at Launch Complex B, Instrumentation Sites 2 and 10, and Possible Instrumentation Site 13 from ______are described in Table 2.

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FIGURE 5. LAUNCH COMPLEX B.

HEN ROOST Antenna South

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(45-55-N 73-38-E)

Facilities discernible in the snow do not appear to have changed since three small, square structures which appeared immediately east of and parallel to the reflector screen or base between are not visible through the snow in

Housing and Support Area

Facilities did not change significantly from The motor pool is

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observed in varying degrees of occupancy on every coverage during that period. 25X1D

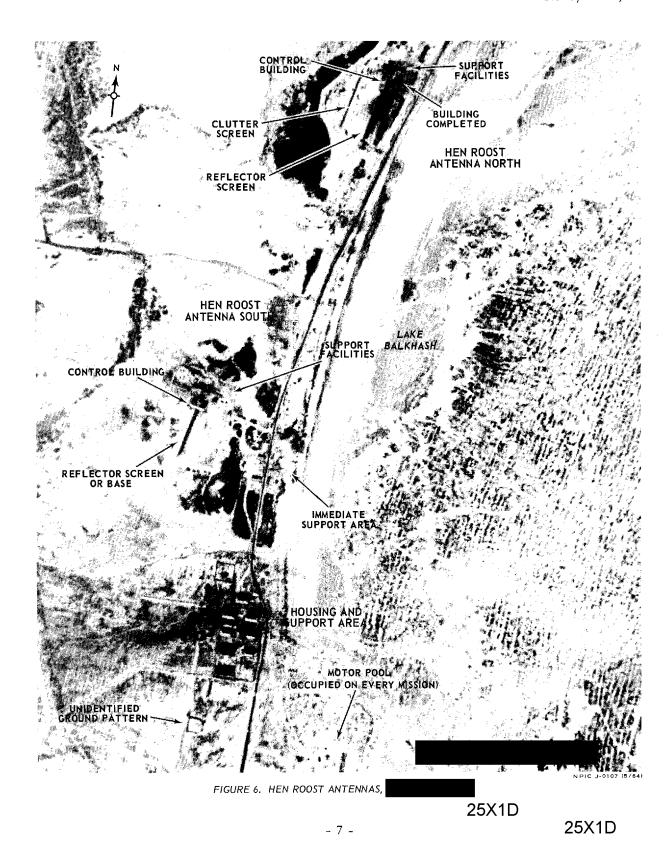
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25X1D DIRT STRIP (45-55-N 73-27-

Between

the 16,500- by 1,500-foot dirt strip had been cleared of snow to a width of 540 feet, but had been subsequently covered by snow again. The snow cover over approximately 3,300 feet of the west-central end of the strip showed indications of usage since the strip was last cleared. Activity was observed at the rectangular area

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north of the center of the strip, and several small structures were added from to During this time, four very small unidentified objects appeared just northeast of this area.

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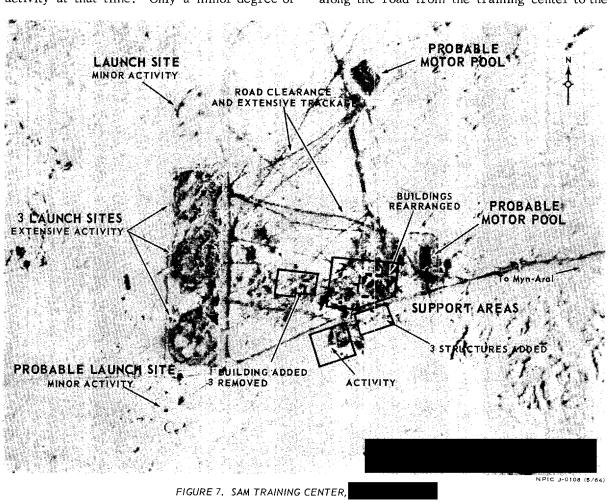
(45-25-N 73-24-E)

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Since the SAM Training Center (Figure 7) has been covered by photography of one mission, with snow conditions prevailing. The three launch sites within the rectangular area showed considerable activity at that time. Only a minor degree of

activity was observed at the launch site to the north and the probable launch site to the south of this area. Extensive trackage and road clearance were observed at the site. Activity in the support areas east of the launch sites consisted primarily in a rearrangement of the facilities that existed in and in the addition of several new buildings, as shown in Figure 7.

Two other areas of activity were noted. One was an unidentified irregular dark pattern in the snow in an isolated area approximately 22 nautical miles (nm) west-southwest of the training center; possible association with the center cannot be determined. The other was trackage along the road from the training center to the



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rail line at Myn-Aral which becomes very heavy just west of the rail line.

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INSTRUMENTATION SITE 1 (45-52-N 73-37-E)

No significant change was discernible in the interferometer or the support area at Instrumentation Site 1 (Figure 8) from and facilities appeared un-

changed in the western tracking station, also.

Just east of this station, however, a second tracking station has been identified under construction. Major components of this new facility include two multistory buildings, each 90 by 80 feet, with a separation distance of 620 feet. In

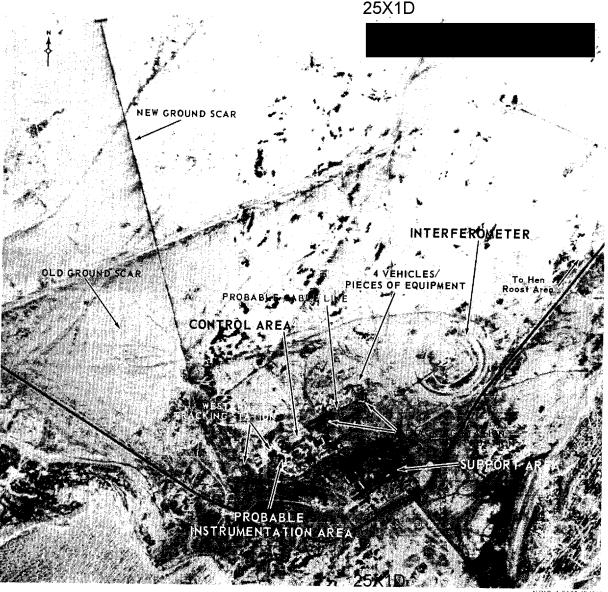
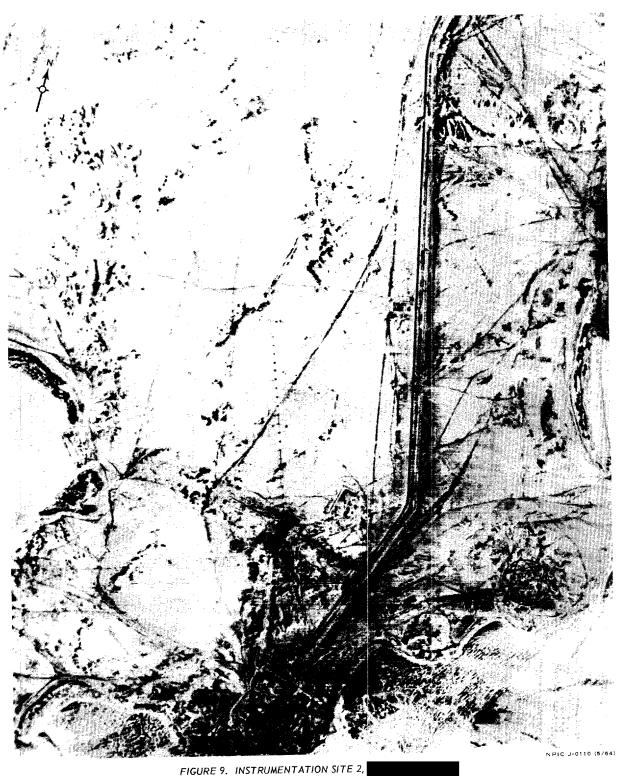
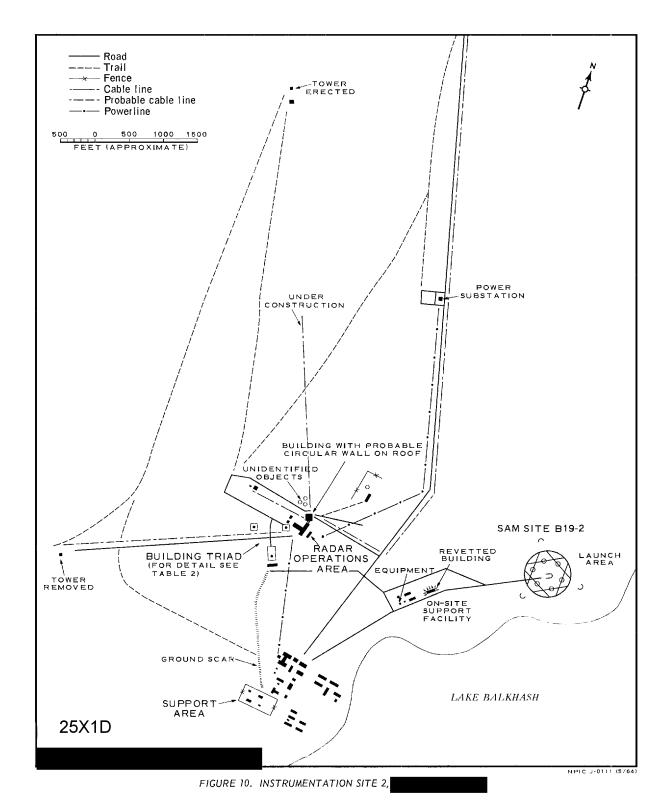


FIGURE 8. INSTRUMENTATION SITE

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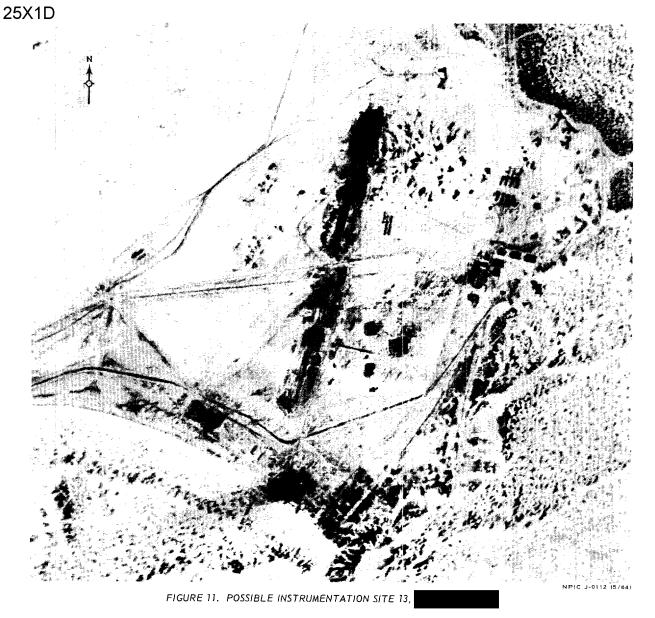
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the eastern building of this tracking station appeared complete, or nearly so, with an object on the roof. This object appeared generally circular on photography of During this period, four previously noted vehicles/pieces of equipment remained positioned close to the north side of the building, a probable cable line was constructed

between the two buildings, and several very small structures appeared in the area. In an excavation for the western building was apparent, having a slim dark structure, possibly a support, in its approximate center. Building construction continues through but current status cannot be ascertained.

Sometime between



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a dark ground scar appeared, extending from a point close to the northwest boundary of the site in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 10,500 feet. The scar terminates at a position having no identifiable structure. Another ground scar, observed to terminate at the same point in

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INSTRUMENTATION SITE 2

(45-47-N 73-35-E)

No change was evident in the support area at Instrumentation Site 2 (Figures 9 and 10) from

One additional

to terminate at the same point in piece of equipment is noted in the SAM On-Site was covered by snow in Support Facility in that period. A self-sup-

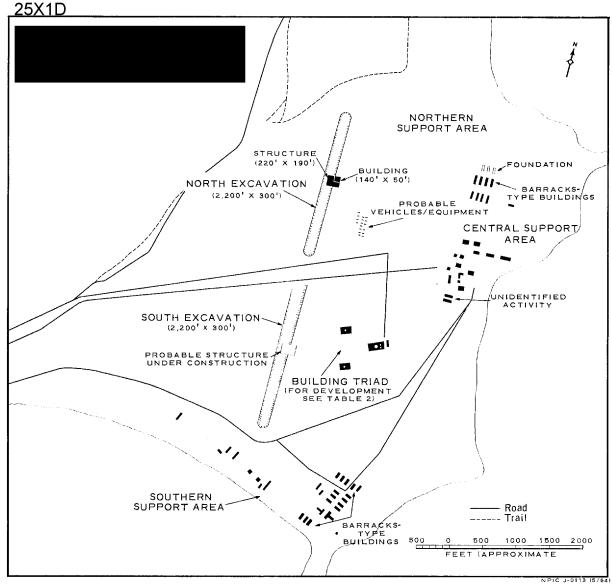


FIGURE 12. POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 13,

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porting lattice-type tower (approximately 450 feet in height) was located 4,100 feet west of the modified L-shaped building from Approach to

A probable cable line extended from this building through the building triad area to the tower. This tower had been removed by and a selfsupporting lattice-type tower (approximately 295 feet in height) was observed at the same time approximately 8,400 feet north-northwest of the modified L-shaped building. This new tower was not present in A small building was observed at the new tower site in and is still present. The new tower is just east of an extended perpendicular to a line connecting the two small buildings of the triad.* A probable cable line to the new tower was observed under construction in A trail in the snow extends from the site of the old tower to

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Photography of revealed a large dark object on the roof center of the approximately 135- by 125-foot building just north of the modified L-shaped building. By what appeared to be a relatively thick, high, circular wall, approximately 100 feet in diameter, was apparent on the roof of this building. Centered within this circular wall and apparently positioned on the roof is a dark object. At the site where two unidentified light-toned objects were observed on photography, three light-toned objects of varying sizes, possibly shelters, were observed in

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the new tower.

INSTRUMENTATION SITE 10 (46-57-■N 72-32-■E)

The support and operational areas at In-

strumentation Site 10 show no apparent change in facilities from

Developments at the building triad are described in Table 2.

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POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 13 25X1D

At Possible Instrumentation Site 13 (Figures 11 and 12), two of the three support areas have been expanded since In the northern support area, four new building foundations were observed from exterior construction of these four barracks-type buildings appeared complete, and three additional building foundations were under construction. The central support area remained unchanged except for unidentified activity relating to two small probable structures at its southern end. In the southern support area, seven buildings and one foundation were constructed from the eighth building seemed com-

Extensive development has taken place since in the area just north-northwest and west of the building triad.* At the northern site, initial activity was observed in by of that year, continuing activity had resulted in a linear strip that measured approximately 2,200 by 100 feet situated at the bottom of a 2,200- by 300-foot excavation having a large possible structure under development at its center. Photography of revealed extensive construction work along the full length of the northern excavation, which was

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^{*}Construction development or changes occurring at the building triad sites at Launch Complex B, Instrumentation Sites 2 and 10, and Possible Instrumentation Site 13 from are described in Table 2.

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of undetermined depth. At the center of the excavation the possible structure could be confirmed as a structure measuring approximately 220 by 190 feet and having a rectangular building approximately 140 by 50 feet on top of or adjacent to it. Both of these continued under construction in

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In the snow had been cleared and work was continuing along the northern linear excavation. An undetermined number of probable vehicles/pieces of equipment were parked just to the east.

A second linear excavation was in the initial stage of development to the south of the first in

It measured approximately

2,200 by 300 feet and snow had been removed from the northern portion of it. Sometime between work was begun on a probable structure at the approximate center of this excavation, and excavation work and snow removal were noted along the full length of the site at the later date. Both of the linear excavations are oriented on an azimuth of

Unusual ground scarring or trackage in the snow has appeared in the general vicinity of Site 13 since (Figure 13). These ground scars, three in number, originate at points 4 nm west-southwest, 2 nm north, and 8.5 nm northwest of Site 13 (the last mentioned point

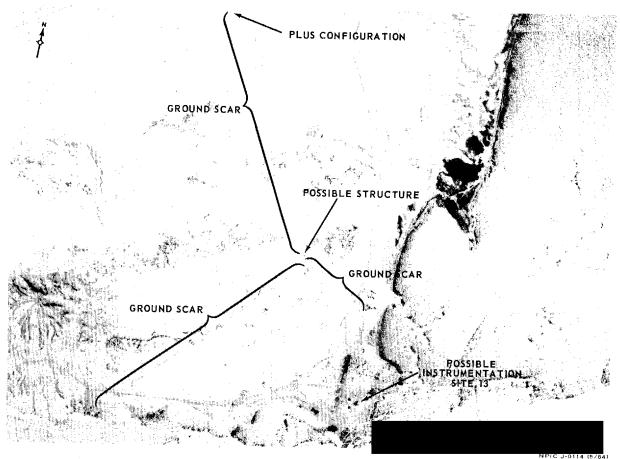
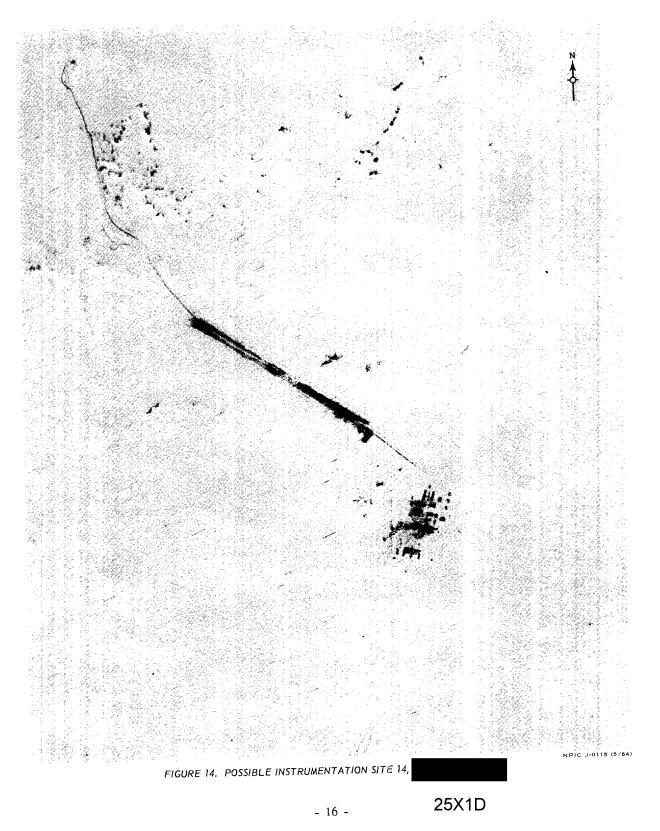


FIGURE 13. POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 13 AND ADJACENT AREA,

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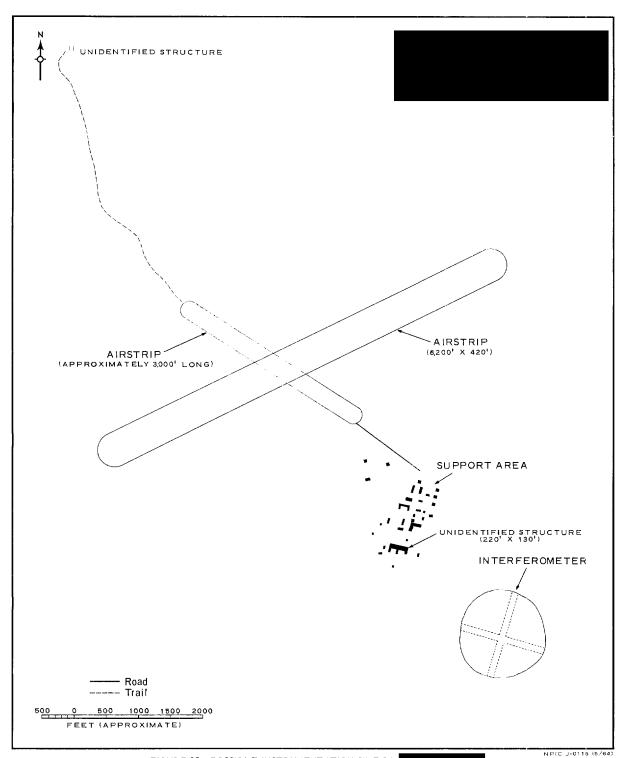


FIGURE 15. POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 14,

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having a plus configuration). All terminate in the same general area, where a possible structure is located. The nature of this activity or its possible association with Site 13 cannot be ascertained.

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POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 14 (47-07-10 69-10-12)

Possible Instrumentation Site 14 (Figures 14 and 15) is located 83 nm southeast of Dzhez-

kazgan and 70 nm west-northwest of Instrumentation Site 8. It is road served from Site 8. The site is composed of an interferometer (with 1,000-foot crossarms), two graded-earth airstrips (one 6,200 by 420 feet and oriented east-northeast/west-southwest, the second approximately 3,000 feet in length and oriented northwest/southeast), and a support area with approximately 18 buildings. Just south of the support area is an unusual-appearing rectangular structure measuring approximately 220 by 130 feet. Exact configuration details are not possible;

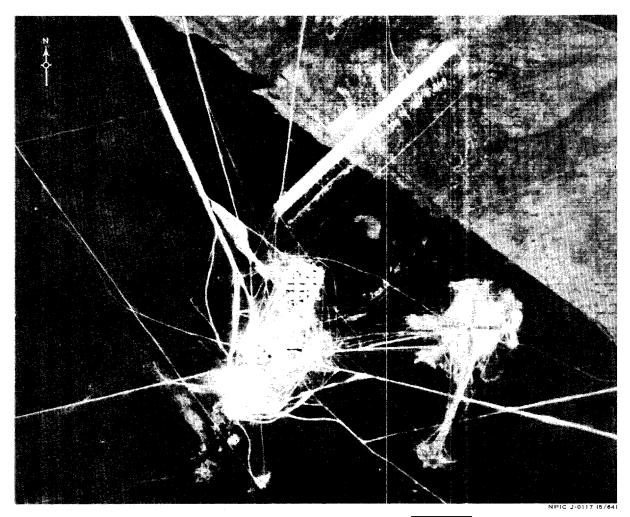


FIGURE 16. POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 15,

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however, there appear to be three raised sections or extensions attached to or immediately adjacent to the south side of the building and oriented toward the south-southwest. The structure is 1,820 feet northwest of the interferometer. In the vicinity of the structure are a number of very small unidentified structures.

Site 14 did not exist in the site consisted of an interferometer in the initial construction stage and approximately seven buildings in the support area. By the site for the east-northeast/

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Work continued at the site so that by the airstrip, the support area, and the interferometer were complete or nearly so. Construction also progressed on the unusual structure. Photography of revealed the new second airstrip, which had not been present in This airstrip was partially cleared of snow. A small unidentified structure was visible in the snow, reached by trail from the northwest/southeast airstrip, which lay 4,170 feet to the south-southeast.

west-southwest airstrip was being cleared.

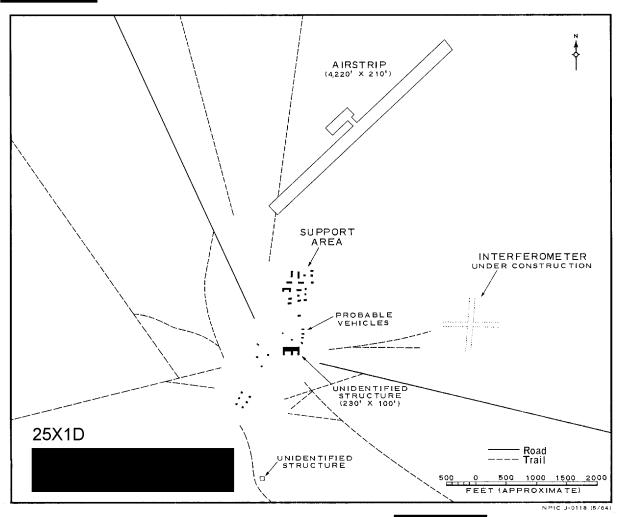


FIGURE 17. POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 15,

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POSSIBLE INSTRUMENTATION SITE 15

(47-22N 67-25E)

Possible Instrumentation Site 15 (Figures 16 and 17) is situated 31 nm south of Dzhezkazgan and 72 nm west-northwest of Possible Instrumentation Site 14. Possible association is drawn with Sary-Shagan Antimissile Test Center because of similar interferometer configuration and a dissimilarity to interferometers at Tyuratam Missile Test Range instrumentation sites.

The site consists of an interferometer with 1,000-foot crossarms which is still under construction, a graded earth airstrip (4,220 by 210 feet and oriented northeast/southwest), and a support area of approximately 18 buildings of various sizes. The support area is almost identical with that at Possible Instrumentation Site 14. Just south of the support area is a large unusual-appearing rectangular structure, approximately 230 by 100 feet, which is very similar to the unidentified structure at Site 14. It appears to have a gable roof, possibly with a flat portion across the top center on which very small dark objects are visible. Three building extensions or raised sections are attached to or immediately adjacent to the south side of the building, and are oriented toward the south. This structure is 2,200 feet west of the interferometer. Four probable vehicles and a number of small objects are near the structure. A clearing 25X1Dwith a small unidentified structure in it lies 1,100 feet south of the support area.

Although Site 15 existed as early as it was not possible to determine details.

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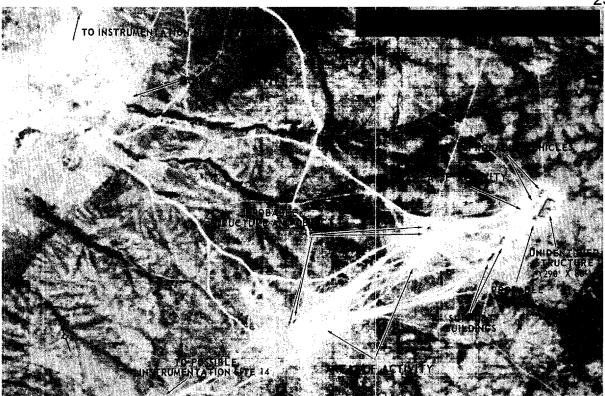
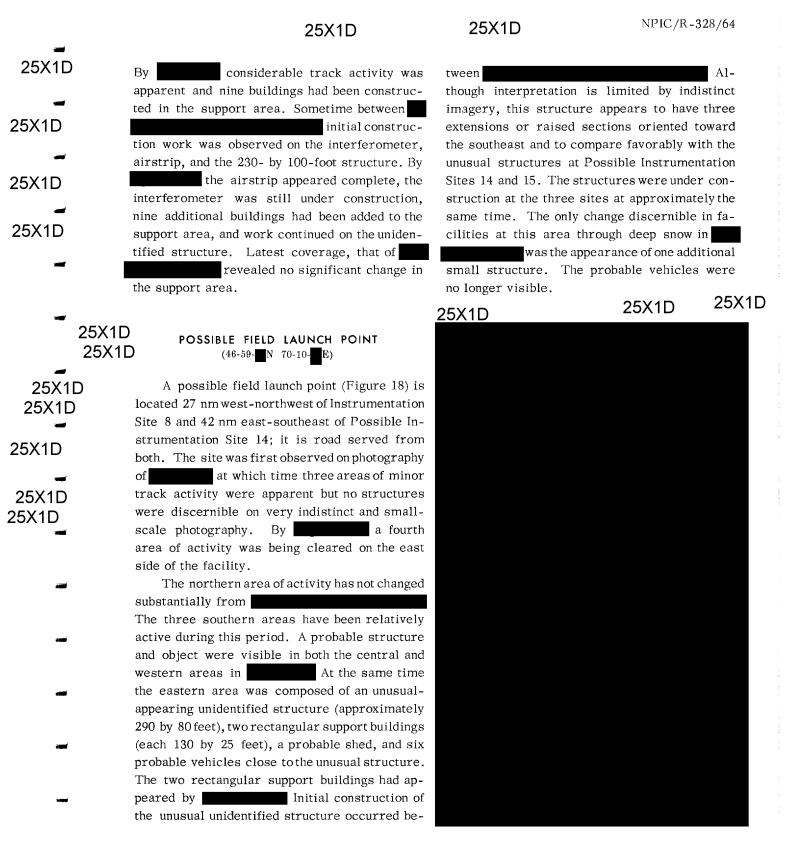


FIGURE 18. POSSIBLE FIELD LAUNCH POINT.

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Table 1. Snor	v Coverage of SSATC Facilities Discussed in	This Report Based on I		
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Launch Complex A Launch Site 1	One launch position, 2 possible launch positions, and a road seg-	Service roads largely cleared of snow	Not Covered	
	ment from the central guidance area to one position appeared to have been recently cleared of snow			
Launch Site 2	Snow covered	Service roads cleared of snow; some snow remains		25X1D
Electronic Site A	Snow covered	Road to site cleared of snow since some snow still on road		23/(12)
Launch Site 3	Snow covered	Service roads cleared of snow since but still partially snow covered		25X1D
Launch Site 4	Snow covered	Service roads cleared of snow since some snow remains Service roads and new roads in the area cleared of snow since with some snow remaining. Unidentified facility just SW of the site and access roads snow covered	25X1D	
Electronic Site B	Snow covered			25X1D
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Launch Site 5	Snow covered	Access road cleared of snow since but still largely snow covered		25X1D
Launch Site 6	Snow covered	Access road cleared of snow since but still largely snow covered		
Electronic Site C	Snow covered	Access roads cleared of snow since but still largely snow covered		25X1
Airstrip	Airstrip and access road snow covered	Strip snow covered; access road largely covered with snow, prob- ably wind blown		
Launch Complex B	Not covered	-	Not covered	
Facility A		Facility and access road completely snow covered		
Facility B		Service and access roads snow cov- ered. See text for possible activity at the site		
Building Triad		See Table 2		
Airstrip		Access road and airstrip snow covered		

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Unidentified facility near Instrumentation Site 8 Snow covered

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HEN ROOST Antennas			Not covered
HEN ROOST Antenna North	Snow covered	Access coastal road and site service roads cleared of snow	25X1D
HEN ROOST Antenna South	Snow covered	Access coastal road cleared of snow	
Dirt Strip (16,500' x 1,500')	Strip, unidentified area north of the strip, and access road, covered by deep snow	Since strip cleared of snow to a width of 540 ft and road to air- field cleared; both largely snow covered again	Not covered 25X1D
SAM Training Center	Not covered	Snow clearance at launch sites, par- ticularly at 3 sites within rectan- gular area. Road clearance and ex- tensive trackage at the site and to the rail line at Myn-Aral	Not covered
Instrumentation Site 1	Snow covered	Access coastal road and certain site roads cleared of snow. Site active	Not covered
Instrumentation Site 2	Snow covered	Access and service roads cleared of snow. Site active	Not covered
Instrumentation Site 10	Snow covered	Access road and road to building triad cleared of snow since Roads and site generally covered by snow drifts	Not covered
Possible Instrumentation Site 13	Roads snow covered. Snow being removed from portion of south linear excavation	Roads cleared of snow. Site active. Snow removal has taken place along both linear exeavations	Not covered
Possible Instrumentation Site 14	Site and access road heavily snow covered	Not covered	Site and access road snow covered. New NW/SE airstrip partially cleared of snow; old strip barely discernible through snow
Possible Instrumentation Site 15	Site and access road snow covered. Interferometer and airstrip snow covered	Not covered	Not covered
Possible Field Launch Point	Heavily snow covered. Service roads discernible through the snow, indi- cating prior clearance on trackage	Not covered	Not covered
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25X1D Table 2. Chronology of Activity at SSATC Building Triad Areas from Launch Complex B Instrumentation Site 2 Instrumentation Site 10 Possible Instrumentation Site 13 No change apparent in the triad area since heavy haze No significant change in triad Site discernible through heavy Not covered heavy haze discernible through heavy haze. The two small buildings are gray in tone with a haze. The three buildings are gray in tone, each with an obsingle object on the roof cenject on the roof. The unidentiter. The large rectangular building appears half light gray and half dark gray in tone, fied parallel structure is relatively light in tone with one object on the roof center and a second at the rear center of the roof Service roads snow covered. At Site snow covered, including Two small buildings are gray in Not covered tone with object on roof center least one of two small buildthree buildings. One and possibly two additional very small of each. Large rectangular ings has an object on the roof. objects on the roof of both building is gray in tone with a A large object is positioned on small buildings, as well as the the rear center of the roof of dark object at rear center the large rectangular building, single small object observed in One-third of the and a small object on front center. Three buildings and unidentified structure are snow covered as well as the two 25X1D 25X1D 25X1D since Access road to site largely Site snow covered and active. Service roads and road from sup-Roof objects on the two small port area partially covered buildings appear changed in snow covered although apparently cleared of snow since with snow, possibly windconfiguration since They are flatter and of irregu-lar shape. The large rectandeep snow drifts at blown snow. One small build-Two small buildings ing is white in tone, the second is gray; both with an object on gular building appears undark in tone; at least one has the roof. Roof of large rectanan object on the roof. Large changed except for the ap-

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large rectangular building is gray in tone; the remaining twothirds is light in tone. There appears to be one additional object or indication of activity on SE corner of the roof since

present in What w thought to be a possible cali-What was bration point has now been removed in favor of the linear excavation. A ground scar has been constructed from the triad area to a point close to the center of the south excavation. Miscellaneous vehicles/pieces of equipment have appeared at the site

The two small buildings are too dark in tone to ascertain changes. The large rectangular building remains one-third gray and twothirds light in tone. Three dark objects or areas of activity are observed on the roof. A minor shifting of equipment has taken

place since at the site

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pearance of a small dark pat-

ner of the building

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tern or object on both sides of

the roof object and an additional object close to the NE cor-

gular building has a mottled

gray/white appearance; dish or

appears to remain, but

disclike object on the roof in

details are not possible

Not covered

object on the roof of the large

rectangular building remains;

building is half dark and half

gray in tone with a narrow dark

area along the sides. Uniden-

tified structure is dark in tone

Not covered

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